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Draft report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the 2010 substantive session

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 63/280, the General Assembly welcomed the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/63/19), decided that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, should continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and should review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to fulfil its responsibilities in that field, and requested the Committee to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations held its 2010 session at United Nations Headquarters from 22 February to 19 March 2010 and held ... formal meetings.

3. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations. At the 212th (opening) meeting, on 22 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary-General for Field Support delivered statements.

4. The Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support provided support to the Committee on substantive issues, while the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as the technical secretariat of the Committee.

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B. Election of officers

5. At its 212th meeting, the Committee elected its officers by acclamation as follows:

Chairperson:

Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Mr. Diego Limeres (Argentina)
Mr. Henri-Paul Normandin (Canada)
Mr. Tetsuya Kimura (Japan)
Mr. Zbigniew Szlek (Poland)

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C. Agenda

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda (A/AC.121/2010/L.1), which read:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. General debate.
6. Consideration of the draft report by the Working Group of the Whole.
7. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.
8. Other matters.

7. The Committee also approved its draft programme of work (A/AC.121/2010/L.2).

D. Organization of work

8. Also at its 212th meeting, the Committee decided to establish a working group of the whole, to be chaired by Henri-Paul Normandin (Canada), to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Committee by the General Assembly.

9. At its 213th meeting, on 22 February, the Chairperson announced that Vanuatu had become a member of the Committee in accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136. The composition of the Committee at its 2010 session is contained in the annex to the present report. The list of documents for the session is contained in A/AC.121/2010/INF/2. The list of participants at the session is contained in A/AC.121/2010/INF/3.

E. Proceedings of the Committee

10. At its 212th to 215th meetings, on 22 and 23 February, the Committee held a general debate on a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects. Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Australia (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Bangladesh,

Belarus, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), China, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Nepal, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Serbia, South Africa, Spain (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Croatia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia; as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zambia.

11. From 24 to 26 February, briefings were provided to the Working Group of the Whole on the following topics: global field support strategy; capability driven approach; safety and security and the security risk management model; gender issues and child protection; strengthening the Office of Military Affairs; integrated operational teams and the integrated mission planning process; peacekeeping-peacebuilding nexus; security sector reform and disarmament, demobilization and reintegration; monitoring and surveillance technology; use of military helicopters; and human resources reform.

12. The Working Group of the Whole and its nine sub-working groups met between 8 March and 19 March, and concluded their work on the draft recommendations.

III. Consideration of the draft report of the Working Group

13. At its 216th meeting, on 19 March, the Committee considered the recommendations of the Working Group of the Whole and decided to include its recommendations in the current report (see paras. 15-) for consideration by the General Assembly.

IV. Adoption of the report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session

14. At its 216th meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report to the General Assembly as introduced by the Rapporteur of the Committee.

V. Proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Committee

15. [to be inserted]

Annex

Composition of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Members: The Special Committee currently consists of the following 145 members: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Observers: Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Liberia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Panama, Holy See, African Union, European Union, International Committee of the Red Cross, International Criminal Court, International Organization of la Francophonie, Sovereign Military Order of Malta.